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Anger as vandals attack historic church windows

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THE mayor of Ely has hit out at the 'mindless' vandals who caused more than £20,000 worth of damage to a historic cemetery chapel.

Nine decorative stained glass windows were smashed over the weekend at the well-used chapel of rest, where Ely pays its final respects to loved ones.

Police reported that vandals caused £17,000 worth of damage to the chapel cemetery between 4pm on July 7 and 7.30am on July 10, but City of Ely Mayor Richard Hobbs believes it could end up costing the council more than £20,000.

He said: "They are all diamond shaped little paned windows and it is going to be at least in excess of £20,000 and it will take a year to replace them all.

"They must have thrown 100 stones and boulders to break the intricate lead and glass work.

"We are insured thank goodness, but as a historic building it is going to be very difficult to replace."

Built in 1856 the chapel was designed by J.L. Prichett of Darlington and is formed of two 'mirror-image' chapels joined together by a belfry and spire with single bell.

It is the focal point of the parish-run burial site – an award-winning ceremony run by the citizens of Ely.

Cllr Hobbs continued: "I hope that when they are caught they will see the unnecessary damage that they have done. It makes me very angry.

"It's going to cost every citizen in Ely more money, just because people want to throw stones through windows. I just hope that those who have done this mindless damage will be brave enough to come forward and say sorry.

"It's taken an awful lot of rate payers money in Ely to make sure it's kept up to a standard because of its age and it's a spectacular chapel. The staff work tirelessly hard and long hours to make sure that those people coming up there at a difficult time and they are come to us for a sanctuary of peace.

"They've let down Ely."

The City of Ely Council renovated the north chapel in 1999.

Today only the north chapel is used for services, while the south chapel being used as a general workroom by the cemetery custodians.

A police spokesman said: "Unfortunately we have received a report that over the weekend a large amount of damage has been caused at the Beech Lane Cemetery in Ely mostly windows being smashed on the chapel.

"There is approximately £17,000 of damage. If you have any information about this then please let us know."

Anyone with information please call 101 quoting incident CF0390620717.

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Two seriously injured in three-vehicle crash

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A DRIVER has been left with life-threatening injuries and another with life-changing injuries after a three-vehicle crash on the A1123.

The smash took place at around 6pm last Wednesday on the Wicken Road heading towards Soham.

The three vehicles involved were a black Audi S3, purple Ford Fiesta and silver MG.

Police say the East of England Air Ambulance and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service also attended the incident.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire police told the *News*: "The driver of the Fiesta was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge with life threatening injuries.

"The driver of the Audi suffered life changing injuries and was taken to hospital. The road was cleared at about midnight."

An ambulance spokesman said the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust said: "Three ambulance crews, a rapid response vehicle, two ambulance officers, Magpas Air Ambulance and East Anglian Air Ambulance were dispatched.

"One patient suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken by land ambulance to Addenbrooke's Hospital for further care.

"A second patient had suffered a suspected broken leg and was taken by land ambulance to Addenbrooke's.

"A third patient was also taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital – but their condition is not believed to be life-threatening or serious."

Police have also issued an appeal for witnesses.

Anyone who was in the area at the time, and saw any of the vehicles in the moments leading up to the collision, is asked to call police on 101 quoting incident 482 of July 5.

COLLISION: The serious crash on the A1123 at Wicken saw two drivers taken to hospital – one with life-threatening injuries
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WORLD PEA-SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

PEAS BE WITH YOU: Former two times world champion pea-shooter Ian Ashmeade gets some practice in
Pictures: Keith Jones

SHARPSHOOTERS: Allistair Berry and his wife, Michelle Berry, current and three time ladies champion

Give peas a chance!

CHRIS **ELLIOTT**
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THE noble art of pea-shooting was celebrated as the one and only world championships were held in Cambridgeshire.

The oddball event has been staged in Witcham for 47 years, with competitors paying a small charge to enter, then limbering up in a practice area near the White Horse pub.

The contest is then held on the village green, with players standing 12 feet away from a 12-inch diameter target covered in putty.

Like an archery target, there are inner and outer circles, and points are awarded according to where the pea lands.

Some avid competitors use laser-guided sights to try to outscore their rivals.

The event also featured family fun, including a bouncy castle, games, face painting, bottle stalls, bric-a-brac, and book and plant sales.

There was also a barbecue, cream teas and a licensed bar.

Details of the winners and runners-up have yet to be announced.

CONCENTRATION: Harry Lewis, 9, and Bettsi Barker, 7

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CRIME

Police hunt for man in burglary investigation

A CCTV image of a man police want to trace in connection with a burglary in Littleport has been released.

The man is pictured wearing a grey hoodie with 'Money' written on it, a black baseball cap and a hi-vis jacket.

A haul of electrical goods – said to be worth more than £750 – were stolen from the home during the raid.

Raiders gained entry to a property in Silt Road at about 1.45pm on June 30, police said.

Officers are urging any witnesses to come forward as well as the man pictured in the CCTV image.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or who recognises the man should call police on 101 quoting CF0370490617 or visit *contactcambspolice.uk/Report/*. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111 or via *crimestoppers-uk.org*.

WINNER: Trainee chef Sam Gooby meets Raymond Blanc while on work experience at Royal Ascot

Work experience cooks up a right royal treat for Sam

A TRAINEE chef had the work experience of a lifetime when he volunteered to work at Royal Ascot – and found himself cooking alongside leading chef Raymond Blanc.

Sam Gooby, 18, from Sutton, was with 10 other students from Cambridge Regional College when he was picked to cook for the racegoers' top restaurant, the Panoramic, overseen by the Michelin-starred chef last month.

The internationally-renowned restaurant owner and chef was cooking for guests paying up to £2,500 a head for a menu which included Royal Estate lamb loin, pressed shoulder with bulgar wheat and spring peas, and afternoon tea of scones with Cornish clotted cream and strawberry jam.

"It was an amazing experience to work alongside Raymond Blanc. I took the opportunity to speak to him when I could and he said good luck in all your studies," he said.

The superstar chef also signed a menu card for Sam, with a personal message: "To Sam – Enjoy your cooking."

The students were on a day's work experience visit to the event, one of the highlights of the social calendar, with the other 10 students working in other eateries on the racecourse.

Catering lecturer Graham Taylor, who organised the visit, said: "As a college we get fantastic support from local and national chefs and our students are very lucky to work with such top chefs.

"Cooking alongside Raymond Blanc, the hero of every young chef, was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for Sam and he appreciated every minute of it."

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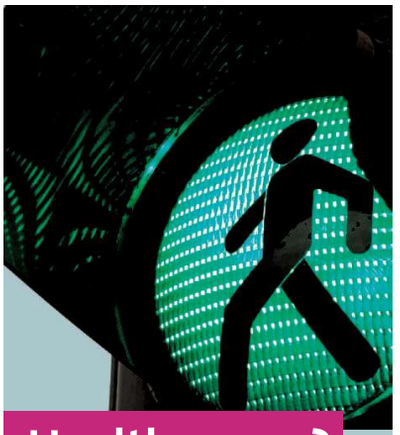

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Opening of Ely's southern bypass is pushed back

DELAYS: In March Sebastian Kindersley and Sir Jim Paice celebrated the official sod cutting to mark the start of work on the bypass
Picture: Keith Jones

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE County Council has revealed the construction of Ely southern bypass is already behind schedule.

The £36 million project to ease congestion problems in and around Ely was due to be opened by spring next year, but now the authority admits it has been pushed back to "late summer".

Work began on the project in March, with the council citing problems moving an electricity cable as the reason for the hold-up.

The current phase of the project involves the careful removal of an overhead high voltage electricity cable that supplies local homes and businesses.

The overhead cable will be replaced with an underground cable and requires contractors to drill under the railway line to lay the new cable.

The council says that this is challenging work and that minimising disruption to electricity supply while ensuring safety remains vital.

Otherwise it insists "work is progressing well" on the £36 million project which will provide a link between Stuntney Causeway and Angel Drove to the south of the city.

The new route will also remove the need for heavy goods vehicles to use the railway level crossing, and avoid an accident-prone low bridge.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire County Council said contractor VolkerFitzpatrick was continuing to progress well with the earthwork for the embankments, improving the state of the poor ground and piled foundations for the 300m-long river bridge.

Cllr Ian Bates, chairman of the county council's economy and environment committee, said: "There is no doubt Ely southern bypass will improve transport in the area and ease congestion in Ely and I fully recognise the desire to get it open as soon as possible.

"The scheme is progressing well and we have been working closely with UK Power Networks and Network Rail.

"The project team is working to quickly and safely resolve any issues that arise with a project of this complexity.

"Moving this major electricity supply is challenging work as it affects both electricity supplies and the railway."

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Reducing bulk with design

HAVING seen the various stabs at an "improvement" to the plans for redevelopment of the market place retail block in Ely it strikes me that the devil you know may be worth keeping.

The ocean liner design that has now been supplanted by a monolith of neoclassical modernism seems to me to have no advantage over the current building. The increased height and singular bulk of the proposal will dominate both the square and closer buildings across Dolphin Lane.

There is no reason to allow this to take place. If there is to be redevelopment, scale must respect the surroundings.

By splitting up the facades of the block you would have less of a beached whale and more of the interest and pleasure we would like to find in what is still a small scale city centre. It is applying a basic understanding of how to visually reduce the impression of bulk.

Ian Allen
Witchford

Look to future of farming

ON balance, EU membership has been good for the UK's environment, but by no means perfect.

Brexit offers us the opportunity to reimagine the Common Agricultural Policy. At the moment the CAP promotes hugely contradictory aims.

Some elements of CAP continue to incentivise large, environmentally destructive methods of farming at the expense of nature, biodiversity and sustainable food production. But others have played an important role in protecting our countryside.

However, the status quo clearly isn't an option.

Our soils are struggling and it's now no longer about sustainment but regeneration.

Future farming policy should support food security for UK consumers now, by ensuring our rural producers can access the financial support they need, but also guarantee a future for our farmers and ecosystems by prioritising sustainable food production.

This means funding farming methods that support healthy soils and pollinators by restricting fertilizer and pesticide use.

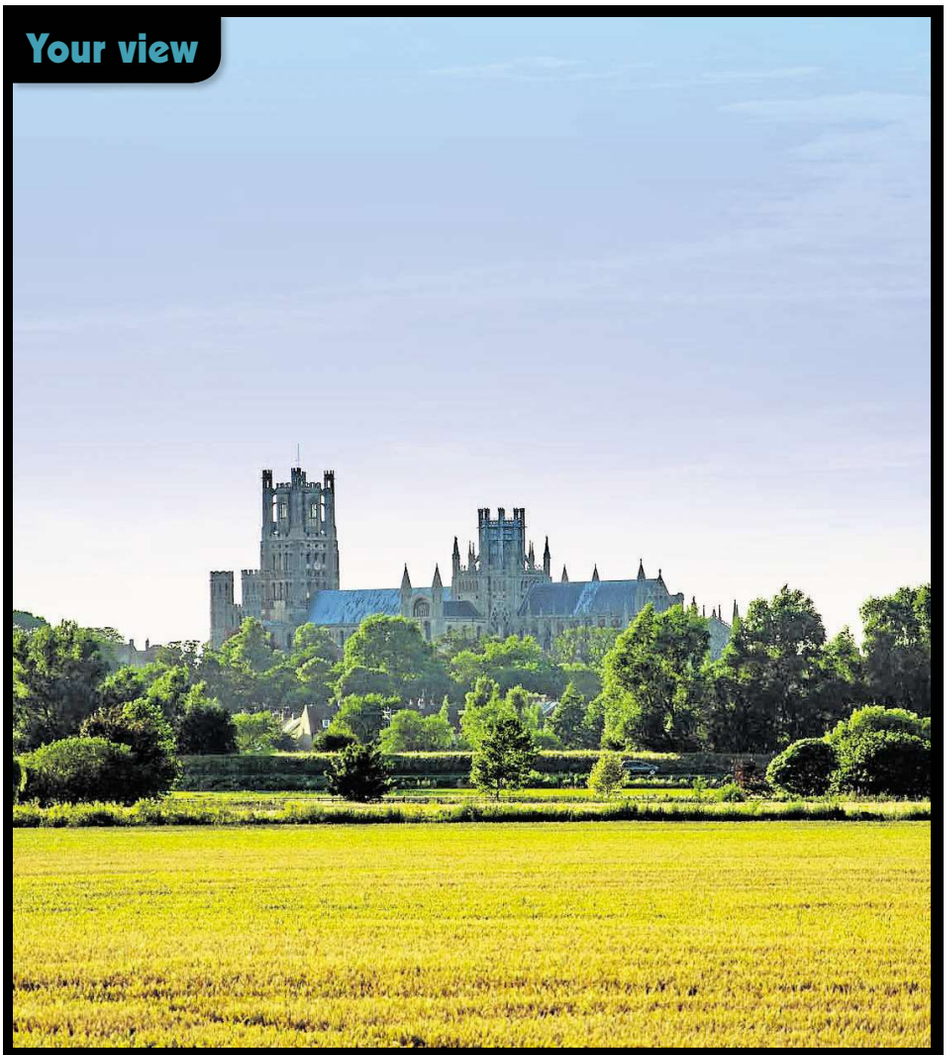
It means encouraging crop diversification and mixed farming and decreasing the amount of land used to rear livestock or produce biofuels in favour of food that feed people and mitigate climate change.

And it means giving farmers the support they need to promote biodiversity on their land and maintain the health of our rural areas to ensure food security in the future.

By supporting regenerative farming over large scale industrial models, offering training and support for those farmers negatively impacted by changes and developing a new generation of farmers skilled in sustainable techniques, the UK could lead the way towards a food and farming system which is positive for producers, consumers and our natural environment.

Kate Travers
High St
Ely

Your view



BIG SKY: Alan Batterbee captured this picture of Ely Cathedral in the evening sunlight

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Mistakes in tower tragedy

MAY I comment on Graham Jones' "Blame Culture" letter on the Grenfell Tower fire? What exactly would Mr Jones propose to do about the terrible tragedy?

It happened by a cause or causes due to some terrible mistakes being made. Those mistakes occurred for a number of possible reasons.

None of those mistakes were accidents. Those mistakes were caused by people who should have made better judgements about safety and fire precautions. Someone is to blame for decisions made.

Already the leader and deputy leader of the Kensington and Chelsea Council have resigned.

I assume that they have done this because they recognise that in some way they were to blame.

Some of those sadly affected by the tragedy will understandably wish to know who was to blame.

Mr Corbyn was absolutely correct in his comments and was justified in all he said. What exactly does Mr Jones think should be the role of Her Majesty's opposition? To sit quietly and let Mrs May and her friends do their best to avoid any share of the blame?

I do not believe in putting people in jail for these kind of mistakes and poor judgements, but they must be brought to account and shamed at the very least.

Frank Bowles
Lynn Rd
Ely

Concern over Nazi spy grave

I WRITE regarding your article about a Nazi spy being honoured with a head stone in Shelford Cemetery (German spy will get grave marked, *News*, July 4).

This letter is a personal message to Helen Harwood, chairman of the cemeteries committee – I think this is despicable.

This man was a Nazi and trying to undermine the safety and future of every man, woman and child in England in the name of Hitler.

Had he succeeded in his mission to assassinate Churchill, the Nazis might have occupied Britain and put British Jews to death.

So why are you agreeing to acknowledge this Nazi by giving him a grave stone or plaque in Great Shelford cemetery?

Both of my parents are buried in the cemetery. Do you honestly think they would have wanted to be buried alongside a Nazi spy if they had known he was buried there? If his family treasure this Nazi so much, please have him sent back to his proud descendants and re-interred where they can honour him themselves.

Stephen Brooks
By email

ENVIRONMENT

Sediment is 'a risk to wildlife'

JACK **NAPIER**
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A "THICK, treacly sediment" has spread through waterways near Aldreth and is posing a serious and potentially long-lasting threat to local wildlife, a conservation group has said.

The Haddenham Conservation Society insists that the sediment is putting "otters, water voles, and kingfishers in danger of having their fur and feathers tarnished and damaged," amongst other negative environmental repercussions.

The sediment is believed to be the result of runoff from rotting sugar beet.

The Environment Agency said it was first informed of the issue on the May 20 and initially visited the site on May 27.

Since then, they have been monitoring the local watercourse and overseeing remedial work that is being carried out by the owners of the sugar beet.

The Environment Agency said: "The source of the pollution was contained on May 27, and the bags of sugar beet are due to be removed this week."

The Haddenham Conservation Society had previously urged the owner and the Environment Agency whose drain it is, to "clean up the water course without delay and restore the wildlife balance".

Paul Mason, a member of the society, warned that if a solution is not implemented quickly, it will impact the entire waterway for years to come, as the entire wildlife chain is being effected.

Environment Agency investigations into the cause of the sediment beet are continuing.

UNSIGHTLY: Pollution in Aldreth waterways

Picture: Haddenham Conservation Society

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of Ely

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Dearly loved husband of Rita, loving father to John and stepfather to Bryn.

Funeral Service at Fenland Crematorium, March on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 11.30am

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Addenbrookes Charitable Trust - Hepatology Unit may be left at the service or sent to

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OAKEY
Charles Leonard

of Ely

Passed away peacefully on Friday 30th June 2017 aged 95 years

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STRAWSON
Rex

of Littleport

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COLLECTING

VETERAN: A rare Rumely tractor is part of Cheffins' machinery sale

Stepping back in time at sale

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VINTAGE vehicles and collector's items will go under the hammer at Cheffins' specialist July sale.

The sale, at Sutton on Saturday, will showcase historic and vintage tractors, classic motorcycles and other collector's items.

Other items will include classic commercials, models, tractor spares, cast iron seats, enamel signs and literature.

Cheffins chairman Bill King said: "Our April sale was the largest vintage collector's sale in history and this has helped us to attract some stunning lots for July's sale.

"As always, the selection of tractors on offer is strong and we expect to see some healthy prices for these as they continue to rise in value.

"The motorcycle section is also particularly diverse in this sale and the river launch and living van are sure to get people talking."

July's sale will see over 90 classic and vintage tractors on offer, with the star of the show being a 1939 Marshall Model M which has been in the same ownership since it was new.

Purchased by the seller's grandfather, Edgar Case, in 1939, the tractor has remained on the family farm in Withycombe, near Minehead, ever since.

The tractor comes with original paperwork including letters from the supplying agents. This highly rare tractor was purchased for £643 and now carries an estimate of £18,000 to £20,000.

Also amongst the tractors is an important collection of 19 classic and rare machines from Norfolk.

These include a Rumely Model L15-25, estimate £10,000 to £12,000, an Allis Chalmers D21, which has an estimate of £10,000 to £15,000 and an Allis Chalmers Model B which has an estimate of £1,200, the proceeds from which will be given to Cancer Research.

Another rare item, a Ferguson TEA-20, which was first registered to Harry Ferguson Ltd, is set to generate competitive bidding and has an estimate of £2,500 to £3,000.

A number of classic cars will go under the hammer. These include the 1912 Sunbeam tourer from New Zealand, which has taken the owner 18 years to restore. It is on offer at £25,000 to £28,000, alongside an Austin Healey 'Frog-Eye' Sprite.

More than 30 classic motorcycles will be on offer, including a highly sought-after 1934 BSA sidecar outfit which spent the majority of its life in Bungay, Norfolk, before being purchased by its current owner only three years ago.

It has an estimate of £5,000 to £6,000. There is also a 1978 Triumph Bonneville which has only 84 miles on the clock from new.

It was a display machine up until 2002 in New Jersey, USA, where it remained in storage until it was repatriated to the UK in 2006. It now represents a rare opportunity to purchase a virtually unused Bonneville and carries an estimate of £7,500 to £8,500.

Amongst the more unusual lots there is a Fowler Contractors living van which was engaged in timber work around the Llangollen area of Wales during the 1930s. It was put into barn storage in the 1980s when it underwent a series of renovation works.

It now requires further refurbishment but includes twin bunks, a stove, storage units and lanterns. It has an estimate of £12,000 to £13,000.

Similarly there is a highly-decorated bowtop horse drawn caravan which has an estimate of £5,000 to £6,000.

Another lot which is set to generate significant interest is a 1954 four seat twin cockpit river launch boat, named 'Mistral.'

It was constructed from Yachting World plans by the vendor's grandfather in the 1950s. It has been meticulously renovated and is constructed of mahogany plywood over a Sitka spruce and mahogany frame. It is offered with a bespoke trailer, waterproof cover and all other regalia and historical documents. It has an estimate of £6,000 to £7,000.

The sale takes place at Cheffins sale ground, Sutton. For more information, contact Cheffins auctioneers on 01353 777767.

TRANSPORT

Bus service put on hold as funds cut

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THE number 15 bus, which has long shuttled Ely residents into town, has been axed for a month after the funding ran out.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has suggested people use the new dial-a-bus service, or the 125 to Little Downham, while revisions are made to the service which stopped operating on June 24.

The bus route was originally funded as part of the Sainsbury's development on Lisle Lane. It will be re-introduced with a reduced service on July 24 – the details of which have not yet been revealed.

One resident, who only found out about the changes to the service after her elderly mother waited for more than two hours for the bus to arrive, is outraged that the changes were not better publicised.

She said: "I feel this has been done in a shabby, stealthy way for fear of a public outcry.

"Where was the public announcement to let people know that this funding was to be withdrawn?

"No-one I have spoken to recalls any prior notice being given, just the confusion of buses not turning up. I have looked at the local 'loop' (15) bus stop nearest to my house to see if there was a notice at the stop itself. There was nothing, however the timetable has been removed."

While the reduced service was announced on the council's website, this resident says it isn't good enough as "many people" such as her mother do not use computers.

She added: "We are a rural area and public transport is essential. It is also very often the case that those who need a bus service most are often the most vulnerable in our society – the very elderly and the poor. People who cannot afford to drive rely on these services to get to work and into town."

A spokeswoman for Stagecoach said that East Cambridgeshire District Council was the decision-maker for the 15 service.

"Stagecoach provided the service using funding from them."

Emma Grima, commercial director for East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "The 15A/15B serving Ely City Centre is a bus service which has been funded by developers in the local area.

"A revised service will commence on Monday, July 24. In the meantime, there are alternative bus services up until Saturday, July 22, for those who have used the previous bus service: the 125 Ely to Little Downham service and East Cambs Connect."

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said it was not responsible for the running of bus services but provided the council with an agreed sum of money as part of the original planning agreement.

It is very often the case that those who need a bus service most are the most vulnerable in our society
Daughter of elderly bus user

FINE CUT: The sisters after having their locks trimmed and, inset, before their charity effort

Hair cuts raise a few bob

THREE sisters have raised almost £6,000 for a cause close to their heart by waving goodbye to their long locks.

Charlotte, Florence and Winnie Henderson, who are all pupils at King's Ely Junior, had their long hair cut off into stylish bobs to raise as much money as they could for Cancer Research UK.

The charity is not only a cause close to the girls' hearts but it is also King's Ely Junior's charity of the year. To date, Charlotte, 10, and eight-year-old twins Florence and Winnie,, have raised more than £5,700 in sponsorship, and a cake sale was held in school to help top up additional funds.

Not satisfied with simply raising funds, the girls are also donating their hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity which provides real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment.

Head of King's Ely Junior Richard Whymark said: "With the work of our charity this year benefiting many of our community, it was wonderful that the girls lent their support to the cause in this way.

"They appreciate the importance of the work this charity does and felt moved to help.

"We applaud their spirit!"

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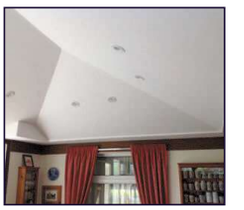

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RAIL

Work starts on new commuter car park at city train station

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WORK has begun on the creation of more than 120 car parking spots in Ely for rail commuters.

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) gave planning permission for the scheme in February of this year.

Since then contractors have been hired and work is under way, with the car park expected to open this year.

Cllr Bill Hunt, chairman of ECDC's asset development committee, said: "The extra spaces will have a positive impact for commuters but it will also help reduce congestion on the A10 and improve traffic flow by removing cars from using local roads.

"Coupled with the opening of the new Cambridge North railway station, it means that travelling to work by train for people in our district has become much more viable."

The one acre site, near the old 'Strikes' bowling alley, will have the same prices as the Angel Drove car park, where users are charged a much lower fee than in the rail station car park.

Cllr Hunt continued: "This initiative will very positively impact on the lives of commuters; not only because they will have a better chance of getting a space, but also because this car park will be significantly cheaper than the station car park."

The new facilities will be linked to the Angel Drove car park by an all weather lit path suitable for buggies and wheelchairs.

A raised pedestrian pathway will also be built to ease access to the station and add extra site security.

Cllr Lisa Stubbs added: "We want to encourage more people to use rail as a way of getting to and from work so this will go a long way towards this.

"It also means more people can work in the hustle and bustle of Cambridge but can live in the quieter and somewhat cheaper suburbs without having too much of a commute.

"This benefits Ely and takes parking pressure away from streets like Potter's Lane and Dovehouse Close."

WORK: Cllr Lisa Stubbs and Cllr Bill Hunt at the site of the new car park

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There are three age group categories; 9 year olds and under (500 words); 10 to 17 inclusive (1000 words) and over 18's – so 'children', whether young or mature young at hearts can participate (1000 words).

The competition will be judged anonymously by Mark Lowery, local children's author. The winner of each category will also receive a book token and trophy.

The prizes will be awarded on Sunday 3 September here at Wood Fen Lodge.

Entrance fee is £5.00. All monies raised will go to P.U.L.S.E. (Patients & Users, Lenders of Special Equipment) a local charity that has provided, amongst other things, defibrillators for first-responders and who fund our local oncology suite in Littleport.

Please submit your story either in a Word document attachment or hand written and send to Yvonne Martin, Wood Fen Lodge, 6 Black Bank Road, Little Downham, Ely, Cambridgshire, CB6 2UA.

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STYLE GUIDE

How to wear white now

Your guide to styling the pale shade this summer

HEAD-TO-TOE white looks great on Wimbledon Centre Court – players and spectators alike – but there's no reason this crisp hue should be confined to tennis tournaments, garden parties and holidays.

Especially this summer, because the shops are full of gorgeous pale pieces that will cure you of your aversion to white, and have you embracing it as your new daywear favourite.

Here are three chic ways to wear white now...

Sosandar white lace shirt dress £95, snake print leather sandals £95, sosandar.com

Evans ivory hem tie top £28, evans.co.uk

1. WHITE TROUSERS

WHITE skinny jeans, in case you weren't aware, have had their day. It's all about breezy, wide-leg trousers or kick-flare jeans now, paired with a loose prairie top and block-heeled mules.

Jigsaw Hoxton cropped flare jeans £62, reduced from £89, jigsaw-online.com

Wallis ivory crochet flute sleeve top £20, reduced from £33, wallis.co.uk

Madeleine white trousers £69.96, reduced from £99.95, madeleine.co.uk

2. WHITE DRESSES

LACE and fussy florals are best left for special occasions. Keep it simple with a crisp shirt dress or slouchy T-shirt dress. What to wear with white? You can't go wrong with metallics (try a rose gold two-part heel) or black (pool sliders are the perfect partner for a minimalist tee dress).

Oliver Bonas surface stripe midi dress £79.50, oliver bonas.com

Paisie midi T-shirt dress with block vent £55, reduced from £70, paisie.com

3. WHITE SKIRTS

WHITE miniskirts are just a bit TOO tennis player-esque, but a midi skirt? Now that's a winning summer look. Tuck a slim fit tee into a high-waisted skirt for a fresh, youthful feel, or go boho with a loose linen top and strappy sandals.

Oliver Bonas keep growing placement T-shirt £25, Between the Lines wrap skirt £75, oliverbonas.com

New Look white tie waist midi skirt £19.99, newlook.com

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All a-glow in the snow – Quebec City, Montreal

Maple collection

Yves Levesque co-owner of Dansereau Traiteur in Montreal, David Colcombe, chef ambassador for We Love Maple and Nathan Eades, head chef at Michelin-starred Birmingham restaurant Simpsons

Fantastic fresh food at the Jean Talon market in Montreal

YOU have to hand it to the Canadians. They know a sweet treat when they see one. So what's a man to do but take a maple leaf out of their book?

Spending four days in Quebec eating maple syrup sounds like the very definition of a cliché. If, like me, you're in the dark about what you can use maple for, then it seems bizarre – but bear with me.

I was in town to see Nathan Eades, head chef of Michelin-starred Simpsons, and David Colcombe, chef ambassador at We Love Maple, prepare a meal.

And, as you might expect given the starry duo, not just any meal.

The Maple Festival was in full swing and we'd get to see the entire process from the making of maple syrup to the finished meal.

Our first visit was to Délices Érable & Cie – it translates as Maple Delights, where we tried the four grades of the sweet stuff. They range from golden through to very dark, the latter being my favourite.

The lighter syrup comes from earlier in the season (usually six weeks between February and April) and gradually becomes darker through until the end.

We also tried a soft drink called 1642 Ginger, made with maple syrup in Montreal, that I'd spend the rest of the trip talking about.

Then it was off to Restaurant Europea, rated by TripAdvisor users as second best in the whole world in 2015.

Both presentation and service were glorious and introduced us to different ways of using maple. Here, it was used to roast the maple seeds and for maple peas. Both subtle uses, a world apart from the syrup you might have with your pancakes.

A chilly walk back to the hotel was in order – be warned, you should take more than just a hooded jacket – before the main event.

Théâtre St-James was the glorious venue for Maple Festival, where Eades and Colcombe had created a menu with British traditions and a maple twist.

The most impressive part was a Coronation Chicken dish I actually wanted to eat. I'm not normally a fan.

It came on a rye cracker and was served alongside a chicken broth with julienne mushrooms marinated in maple vinegar.

Before that we were treated to cubed salmon smoked in maple and served with caviar – and afterwards a take on a Sunday roast.

Not like any Sunday roast you've had, I suspect. It was deer cooked in maple, a game-stuffed cabbage in a maple and cranberry chutney, and some layered celery root.

Canadian staple maple is the name of the game.

"It's been a few years now that maple has been gaining popularity in the UK," says Eades. "People are discovering maple is a lot more than just syrup on their pancakes. I'm proud to have put together a menu that's based in British food tradition, while putting a maple twist on it."

Next day we visited Citadelle, the world's largest producer of pure maple.

Here, we saw behind the scenes how the syrup is stored and bottled once it has been collected from the trees in the first place. Then it was onward to Quebec City.

I loved my time in Montreal but Quebec City was on a completely different level – so beautiful it was breathtaking.

It feels like a village from France has been picked up and dropped into the Saint Lawrence River Valley. It's cobbled, hilly and historic. We spent hours just walking around the place, watched the sunset, taking hundreds of pictures – all despite the fact the temperature was -10°C.

Dinner that night was at Panache Restaurant in Auberge Saint Antoine. Once again, we saw traditional fine-dining cooking techniques fused with the use of maple. It was impressive, but at that point we'd eaten a lot of brilliantly inventive food and something more homely was required, so we headed out to find a bar.

Pub L'Oncle Antoine was exactly what we were looking for. French onion soup immediately lured us to a stool at the bar and we knew we wouldn't moving for several hours. You could make this pub your local.

The bartender bet she could down a pint faster than us. She could, it was impressive.

Top down: Coronation Chicken served on a crisp rye cracker, dressed with curry cream and mushroom ketchup, served alongside a chicken broth with julienned mushrooms marinated in maple vinegar; Maple-smoked organic wild salmon, cucumber and herring caviar in a horseradish-maple emulsion and loin of Boileau red deer with the aromas of maple, accompanied by game-stuffed cabbage, layered celery root, and maple cranberry chutney

And that soup was every bit as delicious as it smelled.

Next day, after shaking off a hangover, we were off to a sugar shack for more hearty food. There were pies, potatoes, sausages – everything we hadn't really had the chance to eat over the last few days.

We followed that by sledging down a hill. This is the place where the maple sap, extracted from the trees, is boiled down to make the syrup. It's also something of a tourist spot, with plenty of maple products and merchandise.

A trip to the Jean Talon market back in Montreal was on the agenda before we headed for the airport.

It's a gloriously colourful place. We found samosas for a couple of dollars and someone threw me an apple as I walked past.

It felt like an essential part of the community – something we should strive to replicate.

When I got home, it was with a suitcase full of maple products. Maple tea has become something I'll have whenever I need to relax – and I've started using maple sugar in my coffee. I'd also let you name your price for that 1642 Ginger soft drink. There's more to maple than syrup, you just need to give it a try.

NEED TO KNOW

■ **LUKE BEARDSWORTH** was a guest of the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers – seewelovemaple.co.uk.

He stayed at Hotel Sofitel Montréal Golden Mile (sofitel.com) and Auberge Saint-Antoine, Quebec City (saint-antoine.com).

■ Luke flew Heathrow to Montreal with Air Canada. For fares and availability see aircanada.com

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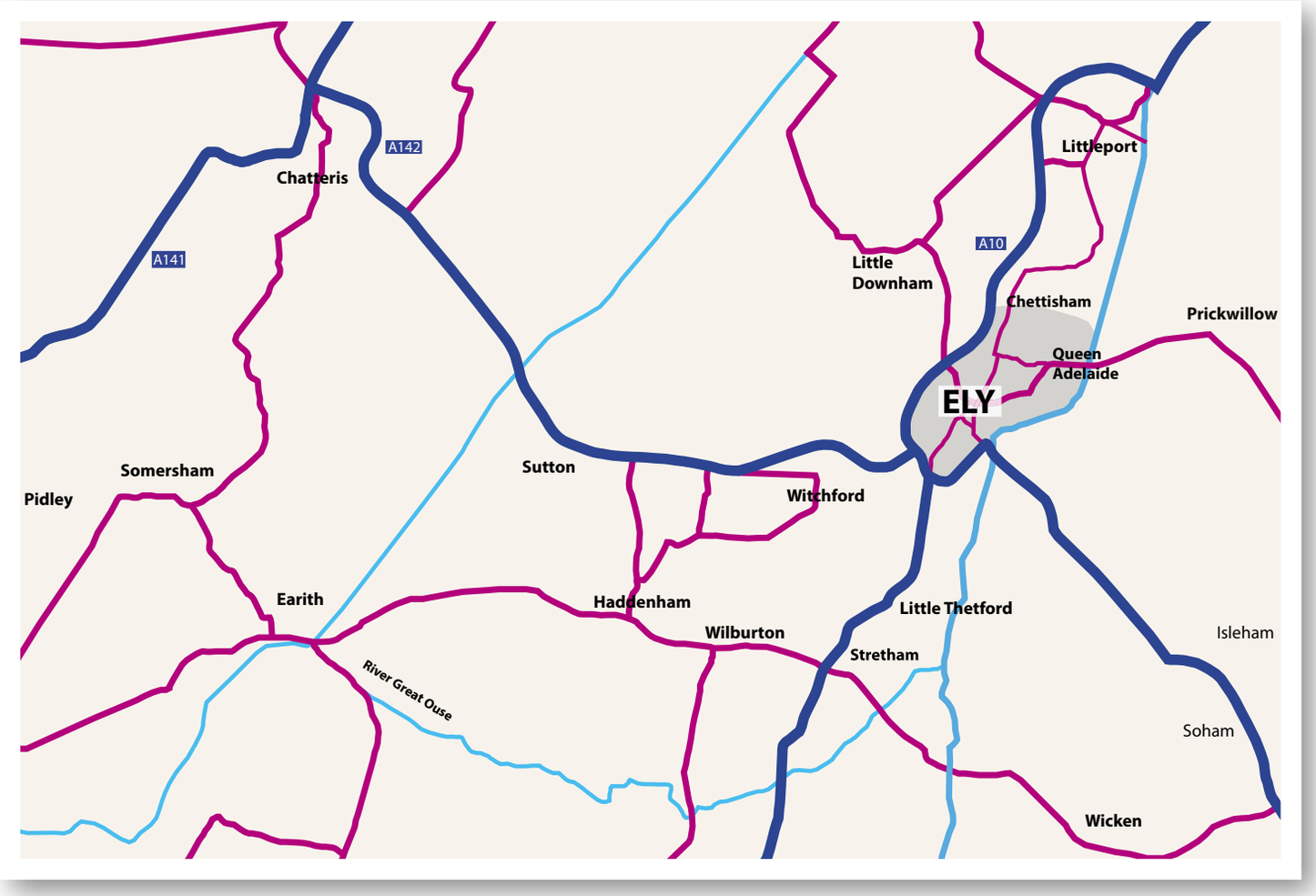

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Cover property – Haddenham: £635,000

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On the ground floor, you'll find a lounge, dining room, family room, utility room with washing machine and a kitchen with range cooker, dishwasher and fridge freezer.

One floor higher, there are four bedrooms, with the first bedroom also featuring an en suite. A bathroom with white suite completes all interior features.

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NEW

Soham £230,000

A superbly presented character cottage situated in a popular non estate location within this well served Town. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and 3 bedrooms, together with approximately 70' rear garden. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR TBC

NEW

Ely £369,950

Situated within a highly regarded modern development on the south side of the City, this versatile family home has accommodation which includes entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, first floor lounge, 2 bedrooms (master with ensuite), 2 further second floor bedrooms, bathroom, single integral garage, gardens, gas central heating and double glazing. EPR C.

NEW

Soham £239,950

A well appointed modern town house situated on a residential development, offering versatile accommodation over 3 floors including ground floor entrance hallway, shower room, utility room, 3rd bedroom, first floor lounge and kitchen/breakfast room, 2nd floor 2 double bedrooms (master with ensuite) and family bathroom, driveway, single garage and attractive enclosed rear garden. EPR C.

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Ely £559,950

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Ely £155,000

Conveniently situated in a central City location, this 1 bedroom duplex apartment is offered for sale with no upward chain and is an ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity. Accommodation, which is split over 2 floors, comprises first floor entrance hall, bathroom and bedroom, second floor lounge and recently fitted kitchen/breakfast room. EPR F.

Sutton £265,000

A well presented detached bungalow situated in a quiet and attractive location at the head of a cul de sac. Entrance hall, lounge/dining room, modern kitchen and bathroom and 2 double bedrooms, together with front, side and rear gardens with rotunda and a recently constructed insulated timber building suitable for use as an office/studio, garage and parking. EPR D.

Soham £285,000

A charming detached cottage which has recently been modernised by the current owners to offer the perfect blend of both modern and character features. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, spacious lounge, separate dining room, superb refitted kitchen and refitted bathroom, 3 bedrooms, gardens, parking and garage. EPR E.

Soham Offers In Region Of £335,000

Situated on a small development, this detached family home has accommodation comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, utility room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite) and family bathroom, garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPR D.

Ely £239,950

Situated on a popular modern development, this semi detached house has accommodation comprising entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, 3 bedrooms (master bedroom with ensuite) and family bathroom, together with enclosed garden and parking. EPR C.

Littleport £295,000

An immaculately presented, spacious detached home situated in a small cul de sac development. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, modern kitchen and utility, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens. The property has the benefit of gas central heating and upvc double glazing. EPR C.

Ely £430,000

A detached Victorian cottage in a sought after central City Centre location within walking distance of the City amenities, King's School & rail line. Improved and updated whilst retaining many character features, accommodation comprises modern kitchen, dining room, lounge, 3/4 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, single garage, private enclosed rear garden. EPR D.

Littleport £440,000

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Ely £750 pcm

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Isleham £700 pcm

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Ely £825 pcm

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Haddenham £200,000

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Ely £365,000

- Recently renovated and refurbished older property 3 bed terrace with 2 reception rooms & kitchen
- Town centre location with courtyard garden EPC Band D

Witchford £550,000

- Individual detached bungalow with lounge & modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- 4 Double bedrooms with 2 en-suites
- Driveway parking and integral garage EPC Band C

Ely £370,000

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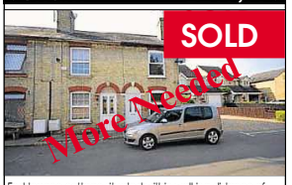
Soham £219,995



End terrace cottage situated within walking distance of Soham Town centre. Accommodation comprises lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, good sized rear garden and off road parking. EPC rating E.

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

BOOKSHELF

Former world number one and bad boy of tennis John McEnroe claims he's mellowed – but not completely. He tells **HANNAH STEPHENSON** about fatherhood, fame and love second time around

If you don't mature you'll be a kid your entire life

HE USED to be known for his on-court rages, coining the phrase 'You cannot be serious!' at a Wimbledon umpire in 1981, a line which became as connected to him as his numerous tennis victories.

More than 35 years on, John McEnroe, three-times Wimbledon singles champion and respected BBC commentator, is still courting controversy.

First he said Andy Murray was a 'distant fourth' behind the three main rivals in the Scot's career, Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, and most recently declared Serena Williams would be ranked '700 in the world' if she had to play on the men's circuit.

Yep, still causing a stir – but he's long since learned to volley away criticism and serve up some self-deprecating humour.

"I'm not mellow compared to the average person, but I'm certainly a lot mellower than I was," he says, gazing out of the window towards the Thames and the Shard, as we sit in his publisher's offices.

He's promoting his second autobiography, But Seriously. His first, 2003's Serious, charted his childhood and early days of tennis – which progressed to seven Grand Slam singles titles, the 'Superbrat' reputation and a tumultuous eight-year marriage to actress Tatum O'Neal, marred by her addiction battles, his hot temper and a prolonged custody battle for their three children.

Now, the follow-up deals with his struggles to reinvent himself as a father, art collector, musician and broadcaster, his relationship with second wife Patty Smyth, and his efforts to be the best father he could to his six children (he has another two daughters and a step-daughter with Patty).

By his own admission, he's been a strict disciplinarian, which hasn't always gone down well.

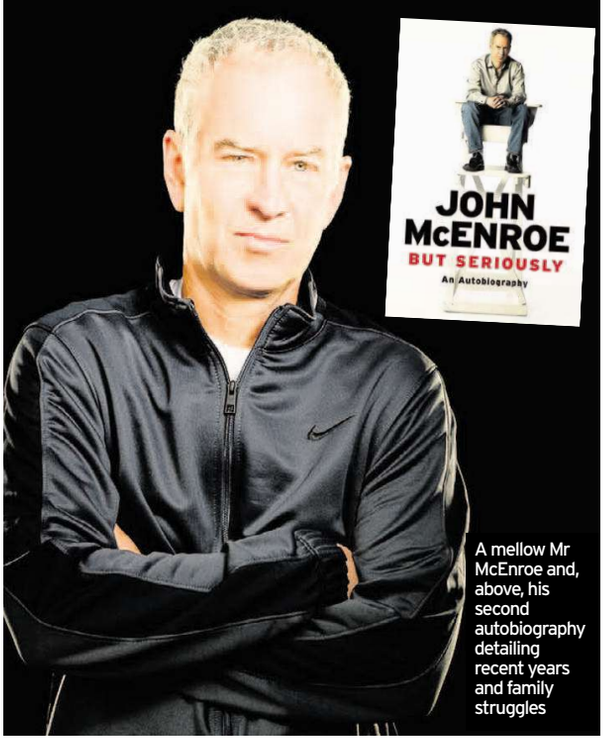
"If you asked some of my kids, they wouldn't say I'm mellow. I find it ironic that I'm the one more often than not calming Patty down. If you don't mature and mellow and have a better overview and perspective of things at 58, you are going to be a kid your entire life."

They met at a party in 1993, when he was going through his divorce and was at a low ebb.

"If there's any credit for the faint possibility I might have become a slightly better, less selfish person over the last 20 years, the bulk of that should go to Patty," he writes.

After retiring from professional tennis in 1992, at first, he admits he filled the space by smoking more marijuana than he should have done. He stopped when he discovered his children, then in their early teens, were pinching his stash, while Tatum accused him of being a drug addict during the custody battle.

"I was going through a difficult time in my personal life. Sometimes it's hard to look in the mirror and face up to things," he says now.



A mellow Mr McEnroe and, above, his second autobiography detailing recent years and family struggles

Two years ago, his eldest son Kevin was arrested for what was thought to be possession of cocaine and prescription drugs. Although the substance found on him was baking soda, his father asked himself what he'd done wrong.

"I felt terrible. His mom had been arrested close by and I couldn't believe it had happened. I was very shocked."

He clarifies his feelings in the book. "I don't want to go into details about my ex-wife's side of the family, but let's just say if you were looking for a stabilising influence as a grandparent, you probably wouldn't choose Ryan O'Neal (Tatum's father).

"Kevin was always such a good person that it's been painful to watch him struggling, but I'm proud of how hard he's worked to get his life back on track over the last couple of years."

Relations with Sean, his second son who has always gravitated towards his mother (and changed his surname to O'Neal), are more difficult. John says he wishes he'd been more sympathetic about the impact of being the son of a high-profile couple in a painful divorce.

"One time when I dropped Sean off I was really afraid that he'd go up and find her dead on the floor. I know that he was deeply affected by that. It was a frightening time. I wish I'd been more sympathetic as to how he was feeling. He's 29 and it seems like we've been unable recently to see eye to eye.

"We speak infrequently. We're in touch through texting or emailing, but I'm hopeful that changes tomorrow.

"I've tried my best," he continues. "On some levels, I haven't been as sympathetic to what it's like to grow up as the son or daughter of John McEnroe and how people look at them. I felt I was doing a reasonably good job. But there are always two sides to a story."

He has little contact with his ex-wife. "Do you call keeping in touch occasional email and occasional text? It's gotten to the point where the best thing for me personally is just as little [contact] as possible, but that might not be the best for my kids with Tatum. They want you to have a good relationship and I totally understand that and I feel bad that we don't. I know that I can't blame it all on her, as much as I'd like to."

In a recent interview, Kevin said his father was a tough disciplinarian and indicated he was still seeking his father's approval.

"A lot of kids do that. At some level I had that with my own father. I mean, how many Wimbledons is enough? How many years do I have to be number one?

"I tell this story where my dad finished second in law school out of 450 people and my mom said, 'Why weren't you first?' I'm like my parents. That's in part why I became who I am."

He never pushed his children into tennis. However, he recalls how, when he'd watch them at sports events, other parents expected him to react.

"Sometimes I'd sit there and not say anything, while parents are expecting me to explode. Then after the event, my kids would say, 'God, you didn't say anything!'

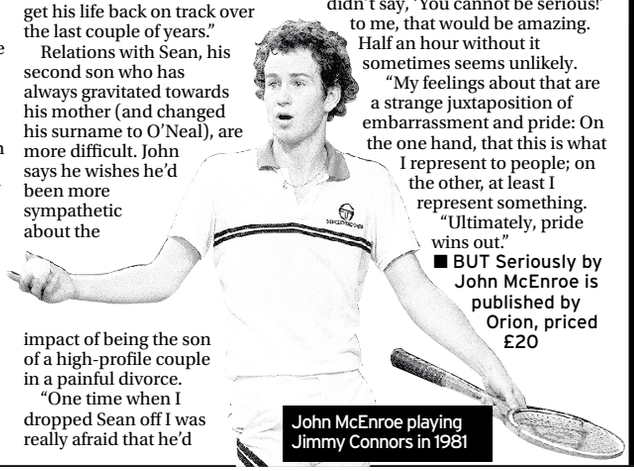
You can't win.

As for fame, he reflects: "If a whole day passed when someone didn't say, 'You cannot be serious!' to me, that would be amazing. Half an hour without it sometimes seems unlikely.

"My feelings about that are a strange juxtaposition of embarrassment and pride: On the one hand, that this is what I represent to people; on the other, at least I represent something.

"Ultimately, pride wins out."

■ BUT Seriously by John McEnroe is published by Orion, priced £20



John McEnroe playing Jimmy Connors in 1981

LATEST TITLES

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SET to the soundtrack of The Beatles in London's swinging Sixties, Anthony Quinn's Eureka is chock-a-block with sex, drugs and rock n roll, gangsters, arson, unrequited love and the decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Gregarious screenwriter Nat Fane is where he loves to be – at the centre of attention. Through him we meet aspiring actress Billie Cantrip, journalist Freya Wyley, German wunderkind film director Reiner Werther Kloss and gangster kingpin Harry Pulver, as well as a host of other film types.

The story follows the filming of Nat's latest screenplay fuelled by acid trips and written almost scene by scene as they're filming it. The drama of Nat's script parallels the drama of his own life, so closely that characters and stories seem to merge into one.

Immersive and compelling.

HOW TO STOP TIME by Matt Haig, Canongate, £12.99 (ebook £6.74)

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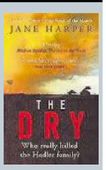
THIS fantasy/adventure centres on Tom Hazard, a man who is more than 400 years old, ages at an incredibly slow rate, and has sworn not to fall in love with a normal "mayfly" human.

Trapped in the past as he mourns his centuries-old first love, Rose, Hazard meets Camille, who sparks a process of self-discovery in which he questions what it is to really live. He reflects on his time as a lute player for Shakespeare, a crew member on Captain Cook's voyage, and a jazz pianist bumping elbows with F. Scott Fitzgerald in a boozed up corner of Paris.

Despite spanning continents and time, his most challenging terrain is internal, as he comes to accept himself as he is.

This is a refreshing exploration of how to make peace with one's past selves and future possibilities in a world where moments seem to rush past faster than ever.

BOOKS CHART



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Volvo sparks a move to electric power

WITHIN three years every new Volvo car will have an electric motor on board.

The announcement brings to an end conventional powertrains used by the Swedish car maker for the past 90 years.

Already Volvo has a number of plug-in hybrids in its line up – notably the XC90 T8 SUV and the Twin Engine V60 estate – which can run purely on electricity.

The new XC60 SUV – due to be released in the next few weeks – will also be available with a plug-in electric option.

According to Volvo – now owned by Chinese auto giant Geely – the announcement represents one of the most significant moves by any car maker to embrace electrification.

"This announcement marks the end of the solely combustion engine-powered car," said Hakan Samuelsson, Volvo's chief executive. "Volvo Cars has stated it plans to have sold a total of a million electrified cars by 2025. When we said it we meant it. This is how we are going to do it."

Speaking in Stockholm at the company's design studio Mr Samuelsson revealed that from 2019 every new model launched by Volvo will use an electric motor in one form or another including fully electric cars, plug-in hybrid cars and mild-hybrid cars.

"This is about the customer," said Mr Samuelsson. "People increasingly demand electrified cars, and we want to respond to our customers' current and future needs. You can now pick and choose whichever electrified Volvo you wish."

The company announced it will launch five fully electric cars between 2019 and 2021, three of which will be Volvo models and two of which will be high-performance electrified cars from Polestar, Volvo Cars' performance car arm.

These five cars will be supplemented by a range of petrol and diesel plug-in hybrid and mild-hybrid 48-volt options on all models meaning that in future there will be no Volvo cars running only on internal combustion engines.

Full details of these models will be announced at a later date.

The decision follows the recent announcement that Volvo is planning to turn Polestar into a new separately branded electrified global high-performance car company.

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The car that defies financial logic is the new version of the Dacia Logan MCV, a generously sized, five-seater estate car with a boot area so large you could almost sleep in it. Fold the 60/40 split rear seatbacks down and the space jumps from 573 litres to a van-like 1,518 litres.

The clue is in the letters tagged on to the end of the name. MCV stands for Maximum Capacity Vehicle.

Appealing to cost conscious drivers who need something much larger than their budget would normally run to, the Logan is available in three different trim levels with the Ambiance – looked at here – the middle of the range model at £10,895.

And for that you get a car that's not only spacious but comes with air conditioning, DAB radio, electric front windows, stop/start, remote central locking and daylight running lights. In fact all the things that most people would want.

Despite its budget price tag the Logan is well put together and when you get behind the wheel you find it's actually rather nice to drive too, with an impressive amount of torque and plenty of power in the lower gears.

There's a five-speed manual gearbox, although fifth is very much an overdrive gear ideal for cruising on the motorway when the rev counter is just hitting 2,000 revs at 70 miles per hour, ensuring relaxed, frugal motoring.

For fast overtaking you need to drop down a cog but when you do the Logan is quick to respond and happy to do so.

Petrol engined models are available - the entry level Logan is priced from just £7,295 – but the 1.5-litre diesel is by far the best performer.

The suspension is a little on the soft side but it handles well even when driven quickly through tights bends and provides a very comfortable ride.

In fact for me there are very few negative points on a car which – since the Romanian company was re-launched by parent company Renault in 2004 – is fast winning fans all over Europe for economy motoring. More than 100,00 Dacias have been sold in the UK since the company launched here in 2013.

OK so on the Logan you have to adjust the side mirrors manually and you always have to use the key to open the boot rather than have a release catch and there is no height adjustment on the driver's seat but apart from these the Logan Ambiance fills most people's requirements.

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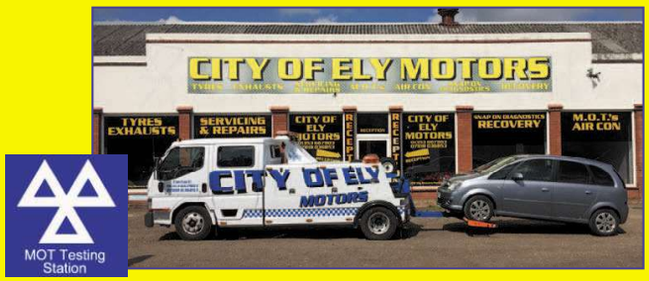

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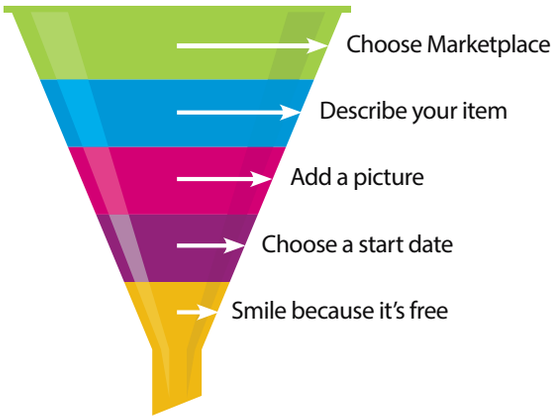

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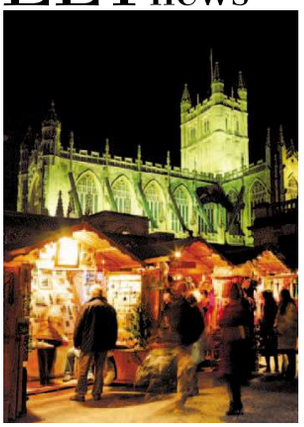

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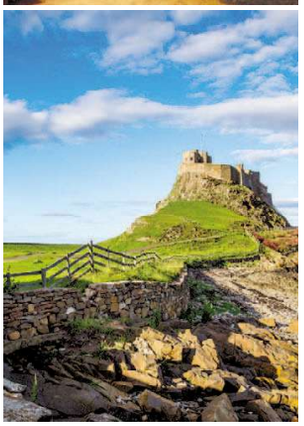

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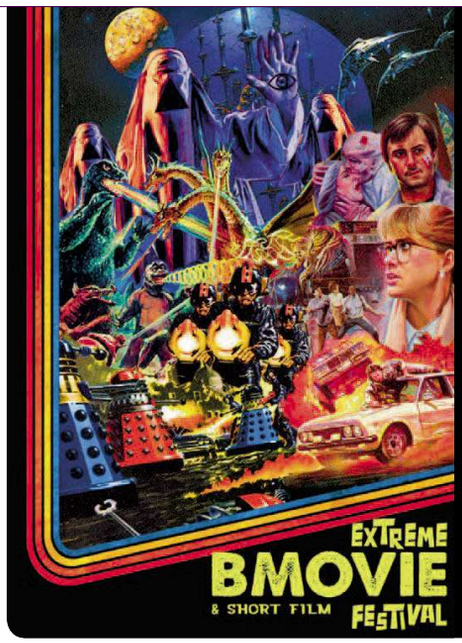

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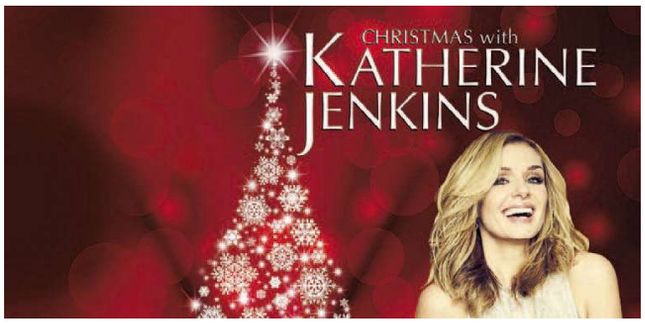

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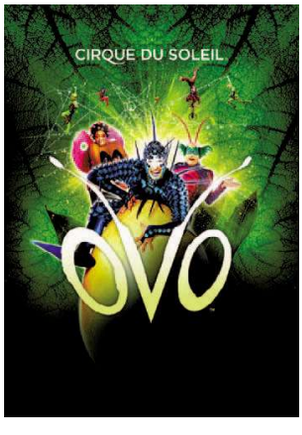

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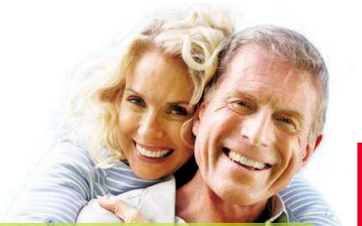

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CULTURED lady with wicked sense of humour, late 60s seeking humorous man for purposeful relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427875**

JANET, late 40's divorcee, own home and car looking to spice up my life with some fun. Discreet men only please, I'm not ready for a full on relationship, casual chats. **Text Only. Box: 4189331**

HELLO I'm 47yrs old, I'm a curvy brunette, varied interests with GSOH, hard working and solvent. WLTM gent taller than me, 5ft3. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427639**

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male seeking

TALL, slim, caring, kind, 48-year-old guy, seeks Asian female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 426879**

OPEN minded, male, early 70s, seeks similar lady for friendship, days out, specials times and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 426669**

MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422995**

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DAVID, 70s, n/s, medium height/build, young at heart, kind and caring, seeks lady with time to share life's pleasures. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425033**

MALE looking for a lady 40-60 yrs old who enjoys meals out and in, and snuggle up indoors with a bottle of wine. **Text only. Mailbox: 5444500**

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MALE 62 looking for a lady 45-55 for relationship must be kind, considerate and affectionate. I enjoy most things in life. **Text only. Mailbox: 5780167**

CARING loving guy looking for a lady to enjoy good times with. **Text only. Mailbox: 5783640**

MALE 60's kind and caring, GSOH, n/s, seeks similar female for lots of love laughter and happy times and hopefully LTR. **Text only. Mailbox: 4631948**

ANTHONY, still firing on all cylinders, non-drinker/smoker, but looking for that wild woman! Maybe that is you? **Text only. Mailbox: 5766252**

MALE 63, 5'10, med build, easy going, looking for female, 18-65, for adult and fun times. **Text only. Mailbox: 5561333**

MARTIN 59, GSOH, kind and caring, looking for a kind lady any age, looks not important. I am very romantic. **Text only. Mailbox: 5680076**

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DEBBIE, young looking 49yrs, pretty brunette lady with lots to offer. If you are interested in a meeting a lady like me then please call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427611**

MICHELLE, 28yrs blue eyed blonde with busty figure. I'm very mature for my age and hope to meet a man to care for. I'm willing to please. Call or text me and I will get straight back to you. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427649**

BECKY, 30 something lady. Full of laughter, very open minded and discreet. Hoping to meet similar minded gent who is older than me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427495**

BLACK male, Caribbean descent, 6ft2, looking for female, any nationality, for relationship and lovely fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 426485**

HI ladies, I am Roy, 43, WLTM special person for LTR and cuddles etc. Likes music, TV and reading, get in touch please. **Text only. Mailbox: 5803037**

WIDOWER 49, 5ft 9ins, blonde/grey, medium build, looking for fun times with unhappy female, n/s/, any age/status, discretion assured. **Text only. Mailbox: 5784314**

GOOD looking athletic male, 30s, with brown hair/blue eyes seeks woman for fun times. **Text only. Mailbox: 5792232**

MALE 62, 5' 11, med build, out going would like to meet female to go walking. Must like dogs. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5561333**

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Net gains! Ely club add another team

ELY Netball Club are continuing to grow and have added a fifth team in the summer league.

The club increased to four teams in 2016 after attracting additional players and have now increased to five.

The club has a wide range of abilities and are planning to run back-to-netball sessions during the summer months.

If you are over 16 years old and would like to attend a session please contact *elynetball@hotmail.co.uk* for further information.

Henley heroics as crew reach final

Rowing

A JUNIOR crew from Isle of Ely Rowing Club made it through to a final at the Henley Royal Regatta.

The junior quartet of Freya Dingwall, Rebecca Welch Kate Lyster, Helena O'Donnell stormed to the final of the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup for junior girls quadruple sculls after coming through four rounds of quality racing.

Sixteen boats from 51 entries contested the event at the 178-year-old Thames regatta, which takes place on a 2,100m course, roared on by thousands of spectators watching the action along the riverside.

The Isle of Ely girls started their campaign with a two lengths lead over the Lady Eleanor Holles School, followed by a commanding 2¼ length lead over Godolphin Latymer in the quarter-finals, to move through to the next round.

In the semi-final, Isle of Ely had another strong performance against local crew Henley Rowing Club.

The Ely girls led from the start and in the second half of the race put on a big push to win comfortably by 2¼ lengths.

This put them into the final against defending champions Gloucester Rowing Club.

The two clubs had previously met in the final of Henley Women's Regatta two weeks earlier where Gloucester won.

In the rematch, Ely got off to a good start, and led by half a length, but they were unable to hold off their rivals. Gloucester moved out at the halfway point to win for the fourth consecutive year by 2½ lengths.

It was the first time that an Isle of Ely crew had reached the finals at Henley.

Coached by Peter Lee, the quartet received plaudits from the race commentators about the quality of their sculling.

Fen Tigers force a replay after thrilling late comeback

Speedway

MILDENHALL staged another dramatic late comeback by overturning a 12-point aggregate deficit in the last three heats to force a Knockout Cup quarter-final replay with Stoke, winning 50-40 (90-90 on aggregate).

The Fen Tigers were staring at an early cup exit – and a first home defeat – as they trailed the Potters 37-35 (87-75) going into the final three races, promoter Kevin Jolly publicly conceding the tie and apologising to supporters for the performance.

He called for a reaction from his team . . . and he got it in spades.

Dan Halsey and impressive guest Ben Morley both rocketed around Potters No 1 Mitchell Davey for a 5-1 in heat 13, and that was followed by another in heat 14 as debutant Matt Marson shot from the tapes and was joined by Jordan Jenkins by the end of the second lap as he fought from the back.

Mildenhall still needed to make it a hat-trick of 5-1s to rescue their cup hopes in the final race, and they duly delivered as Armstrong trapped first and Halsey blasted round the boards for his fourth win.

An incredulous Jolly said: "I know I shouldn't publicly slag the riders off but what a reaction! They showed sheer heart and rode like they were possessed. It was outstanding."

The Fen Tigers had clawed six of the 10 points back after five heats as Halsey paired with Marson for a 5-1 in heat four, and Jenkins secured third behind winner Armstrong for a 4-2 in heat five.

But Stoke pounced on struggling Danno Verge for a 5-1 in heat eight, and when they were handed another in heat 11 as Halsey spun and fell, the Potters looked seemingly untouchable 12 points up with just four races to go.

Mildenhall – Halsey 12 (5 rides), Armstrong 11+2 (5), Morley 10+1 (4), Jenkins 6+2 (4), Marson 5+1 (5), Whitmore 4 (3), Verge 2+1 (4).

Stoke – Davey 10 (5), Atkin 8+1 (5), Priest 6 (4), Tedham 6 (4), Terry-Daley 4+2 (4), Burnett 3+3 (4), Wallinger 3+1 (4).

Cycling

Double PBs just ideal for the Holmes

MARTIN and Alison Holmes set personal bests for 25 miles when representing the Ely & District club.

They competed on the B25/8 course near Snetterton and clocked 56min 19sec and 1hr 9min 52 sec respectively.

Rob Golding was fifth when he took part in the Fenland Clarion 25.

He stopped the clock on 57.05, while clubmate John Manlow came in at 1:02.03.

That came after Golding had been the fastest Ely rider at the last of four Thursday evening VTTA events on the E2/10 course at Six Mile Bottom.

He crossed the line in 20.50 on a fast night, with Darran Bennett coming home in 23.44. The race was won by Peter Lawrence (19.25) at an average speed of almost 31mph.

The first Ely Go Racing event was held at Ely College to give under-16s – members and non-members – the chance to compete.

There were plenty of close races, Kitty Edwards triumphing in the girls' race, with Siobhan Skeels second and Maya Hatch third.

Alex Croft was the pick of the under-nines ahead of Kieran Vanhoutte and Harry Smith, while Oliver Sinden and Jamie Dorrington had to settle for second and third behind Tom Lewis in the under-11s.

And Edwards picked up her second medal by coming third in the under-16 event behind Isaac Barton and winner Alex Cooper.

Football

City drawn to face Holbeach

ELY City will host Holbeach in the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup on August 5 following last week's draw.

The Robins could set up a preliminary round tie with Histon on August 19 if both sides come through their first matches.

Meanwhile, Soham will entertain Godmanchester or Cogenhoe.

In the FA Trophy, Soham will travel to Newcastle Town for a preliminary round tie on October 7. If they win that they will be at home to Rushden & Diamonds or Kidsgrove in the first qualifying round on October 28.

Ely City won their first pre-season game 4-0 at Huntingdon Town on Saturday.

All the goals came in the second half and were scored by Josh Sewell, Alex Theobald (2) and Adam Capel.